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Employee Training Report Required by 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)

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AFFECTED ENTITY: United Cooperative Services, Inc.

General Information

Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(d)(2), not later than the 30th day after the date an affected entity finalizes a material change to a document or training program, the affected entity must submit an updated report. The first report must be submitted not later than May 1, 2020.

Instructions

Answer all questions, fill-in all blanks, and have the report notarized in the Affidavit.

Affidavit

A representative of the affected entity must swear to and affirm the truthfulness, correctness, and completeness of the information provided by attaching a signed and notarized copy of the Affidavit provided with this form.

Filing Instructions

Submit four copies (an original and three copies) of the completed form and signed and notarized Affidavit to:

Central Records Filing Clerk
Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 N. Congress Avenue
P.O. Box 13326
Austin, Texas 78711-3326
Telephone: (512) 936-7180

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1. Provide a summary description of hazard recognition training documents you provide your employees related to overhead transmission and distribution facilities.

United Cooperative Services has a hazard recognition training plan as required by OSHA. This training is a standard part of monthly safety meetings for employees at United Cooperative Services. The statewide cooperative organization, Texas Electric Cooperatives, provides professional training services at these meetings. The American Public Power Association (APPA) Safety Manual is the standard resource provided to each employee. The APPA manual covers a wide variety of topics for electric facilities, including employee responsibility for safety and reporting of hazardous conditions. At each meeting, accidents and near-misses are discussed with employees, with reference to the relevant APPA section and/or OSHA regulation that covers that issue. There are also video presentations and other outside presenters on various topics related to hazard recognition and safety in general, again with reference to the relevant APPA section and/or OSHA regulation that covers that issue.

2. Provide a summary description of training programs you provide your employees related to the National Electrical Safety Code for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines.


At least annually, professional engineers at United Cooperative Services present NESC training to employees involved in construction and operation of electric distribution lines. This training focuses specifically on required vertical and horizontal clearances of energized equipment (underground and overhead), and on grounding requirements for the distribution system. During the presentation, examples are provided from inspection data where possible issues have or could have occurred, creating a training opportunity on how to correctly address those situations according to the NESC. Each employee is provided with a one-page summary document that covers NESC requirements for design and construction of electric lines. This document is used as the basis for design, construction, and inspection of United's electric distribution lines. Additionally, the statewide cooperative organization, Texas Electric Cooperatives, provides professional training services at monthly safety meetings with United employees. A significant part of this includes specific training from the American Public Power Association (APPA Safety Manual) related to NESC clearances and grounding for electric distribution lines.

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AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

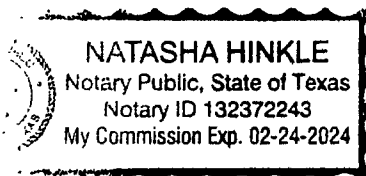

Signature

Jared Wennermark
Printed Name

Sr. VP - Planning & Procurement
Job Title

United Cooperative Services, Inc.
Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21st day of April, 2020.
Month Year



Natasha Hinkle
Notary Public in and For the State of Texas
My commission expires on 2-24-2024

